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1. On 21 December 1951, the Panzer Kaserne at Staats (H 53/Y 64) quartered about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Four canvas-covered T-34 tanks were noticed in the billeting area. A local resident said that the garages almost exclusively contained T-34 tanks. About 30 tanks were seen in one garage. [redacted]

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2. The following documents were found near the barracks installation at Staats in early December:
 - a. A fragment of an envelope, addressed to a soldier [redacted]
 - b. A letter of 29 September 19?? by a sailor from Iopaya who wrote that, in addition to his shipboard duty, he attended the eighth school grade but had great difficulties combining his military duties with school attendance.
 - c. A letter of 7 October 1951 by a soldier's father, who worked in an unidentified plant in Moscow. He wrote that some young men of the 1932 class had left the plant to join the army, and that "his son's military service term would reach the half-way mark by 21 October" (sic). **

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- * [redacted] Comment. The quarters of the 16th (?) Gds Tank SP Regt of the 207th Itz Rifle Div in the Albrecht-der-Baer Kaserne, Stendal, were reported to be vacant as early as December 1951. [redacted]. Several indications that the regiment might be stationed at Staats are now confirmed by the [redacted]

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however, the strength estimate of 1,200 troops implies that another unit may also be quartered in the installation.

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